

**Bringing Good News, 2: “Our Confidence”**  
**Various Scriptures**  
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***Bring the good news of Christ confidently,  
trusting that our God will save many.***

**I. Insecurity: “I’m not sure what to say.”**

We gain confidence in the gospel itself, which is God’s powerful, life-giving Word that we use in evangelism.

- What is evangelism? Evangelism is proclaiming the gospel to persuade others to put their trust in Jesus Christ.
- Wrong view of evangelism: “Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.”

**Exodus 4:10–13 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> But Moses said to the Lord, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.” <sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? <sup>12</sup> Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” <sup>13</sup> But he said, “Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.”

**Romans 1:16 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

**1 Corinthians 2:3–5 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

**II. Risk: “I might lose this relationship.”**

We gain confidence in the reality that the gospel can deepen our relationships as we hope that they become fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Ephesians 2:13–14, 17–19 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility,

<sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

### **2 Peter 3:9-10 (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

## **III. Failure: “I might mess up their salvation.”**

We gain confidence in God’s sovereignty as we trust that our mistakes in evangelism cannot hinder God’s desire and will to save others through us.

### **Ephesians 1:3-5 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

### **Acts 18:9–11 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, “Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people.” <sup>11</sup> And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

## **Life Application**

- 1) Reflect: Which of these ways do I lack confidence in my personal evangelism?
- 2) Repent: Have I put my confidence in anything apart from the gospel that is powerful to save me?
- 3) Recommit: Who will I have a spiritual conversation with as I try to proclaim and persuade?